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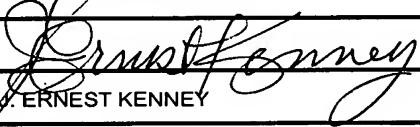
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Pursuant to Rule 37 C.F.R. §1.51(b), §1.56, §1.97, and §1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08. Any other documents or information submitted for consideration by the Examiner are listed in this paper. A copy of each U.S. and foreign patent, or each publication or portion thereof listed or herein identified (except as otherwise noted below) is submitted herewith, except that (1) a copy of any U.S. patent application identified herein or any patent, publication or other information listed herein cited or submitted in a prior application relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120 and identified below, is not submitted herewith, and (2) a copy of any U.S. patent or published patent application identified herein is not submitted herewith, if this application was filed or entered the U.S. national stage on or after June 30, 2003 (or if applicable, this international application entered the U.S. national stage on or after June 30, 2003).

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**ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION NOT LISTED ON  
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International Search Report dated December 3, 2004 established in International Application No. PCT/SG2004/000358, of which this application is the U.S. national stage.

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY  
(NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS ONLY)**

The relevancy of each of the documents identified on the appended form PTO/SB/08A is evident from the International Search Report dated December 3, 2004 appended hereto established in International Application No. PCT/SG2004/000358, of which this application is the U.S. National Stage.

An abstract only of the Kalapathy et al. article from J. of Chemical Technology and Biotechnology is available to applicant's attorney and is submitted herewith.

**STATEMENT REGARDING TRANSLATIONS**

English language translations of the non-English language documents are not available to Applicants' attorney apart from corresponding English language documents identified herewith or English language abstracts that may be appended to the documents.

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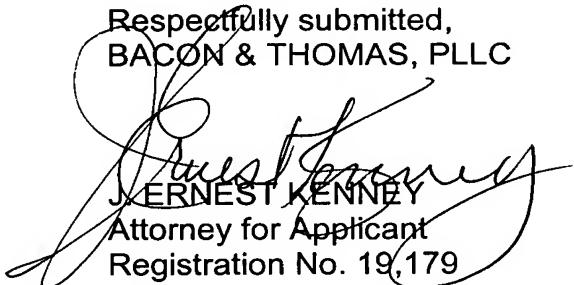
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